

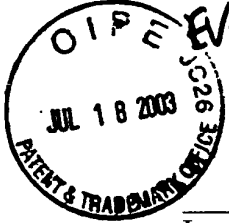
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For: WATER-DECOMPOSABLE FIBROUS SHEET  
OF HIGH RESISTANCE TO SURFACE  
FRICTION, AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING IT

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5 and 8-12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.